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Buckwheat—Its Poisonous Effects.

The Honey Bee.

There is in buckwheat an essence or medicinal principle, upon which its irritating qualities depend, and is called the *Apiscenium*, or *Bee poison*. Hence the same disagreeable effects follow the immediate use of honey, when obtained from the buckwheat.

The Bee takes from the flower a portion of its medicinal virtues with the saccharine matter of the plant, which, by passing through its internal laboratory of the insect becomes separated into its primary constituents of *Apiscenium* and honey. The one being deposited in cells for the sustenance of the insect, and the other laid by within itself as a means of defence.

Now, in making this separation in the chemical laboratory of the insect, (as by not being where bees are in the honey which they render) it often occurs that portions of this poison is mixed with the honey, producing all the disagreeable effects which would result from the too free use of buckwheat itself.

There is, perhaps, no article containing as great a percentage of this poisonous principle used for food as buckwheat, in its various forms, and the sameness of its aroma, with that given off by the common honey bee, is a proof of its identity.

All poisonous insects and reptiles are healthy, active and violent, in proportion to the quantity of the poison they are enabled to derive from their food; and while feeding on such articles as add them to their supply, their stings or bites are more violent than at other times. This is clearly demonstrated last winter, in transporting the honey bee over the isthmus to California from the cold regions of the North. The sting from these bees in their most unhealthy state produced but little sensation or effect upon the human flesh.

The negroes, who are the carriers of the buckwheat, fully corroborate the doctrine that this plant contains considerable quantities of the poison, *Apiscenium*.

The best remedy to prevent the disagreeable burning and itching sensation of the skin, caused by a too free use of buckwheat, is a carbolic acid, or an alkali, or taken in really when the itching has taken place, in consequence of having taken too freely of the honey, and above all, to state that an alkali of the above character nature immediately applied to the skin after a bite or sting of the most poisonous insect or reptile is a sure antidote, and will save the unfortunate victim from any serious injury.

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An Extraordinary Case.

At Cincinnati on Wednesday, a stern Texas paper of the 12th of January, has the following singular statement:

Great excitement exists at the present time among the Mexicans in Western Texas, occasioned by a report that a saint has mysteriously appeared in Mexico at some point of the Rio Grande, who possesses the power to feed thousands of people with two or three tortillas (little cakes) each containing all he can eat; cures all diseases of flesh; he can restore sight to the blind; in fact, performs all kinds of miracles. No one can tell his name or where he came from. He says that he will be killed in Texas, and requests that his murderers be punished.

He claims that he is a saint, and that he will perform many wonderful things, and make many disclosures before he dies.

Apparently, he has a great knowledge of the past, and is an evidence that he is no impostor. It is reported that Gen. Vidua had him clearly shown, and then told him that he was really a man of God, as he professed, to cause his beard to reappear on his face. The saint requested his interrogator to turn his back for a few moments, which he did, and after making a prayer and going through some mysterious ceremony, greeted his face was covered with beard the same as before.

Thus the story goes, and it is not true, even if it is that the Mexicans of the kind and religious countries are awaiting either in large numbers, and some Americans are preparing to go.

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ships and Wood, for the election of a judge and for each said circuit of four years commencing on the first day of May, 1962.

It is hereby recommended, that the following be elected to the County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Wisconsin:

Under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at the Capitol in Madison, this twelfth day of February, A. D. 1961.

W. F. LEE, Jr., Secretary of the Board of Supervisors.

And the foregoing official announcement is hereby given that an election will be held on the first day of April, 1962, the second day of said month, for the election of a County Judge and for said county clerk for four years commencing on January 1, A. D. 1962, in the place of John W. Lee, the term of whose election will expire on December 31, 1961, at the County Clerk's Office in the City of Appleton, this 19th